



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Casey K. Lee

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For: INTERVERTEBRAL DISC AND NUCLEUS PROSTHESIS

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to continued examination in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.